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SELECTED GROUP OF ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM A
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RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 23, 2001, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification -- Please amend claims 1, 13, 14, 18, 19, 24 and 26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for determining the position of one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

a database for storing information about the items of interest, the information including, for each of the items of interest, at least one associated category and spatial detail defining a geographic position; and

a plurality of ports for accessing the database through the Internet, each port having a user interface for accepting inputs by a user of the system and for indicating to the user the geographic position of one or more of the items of interest, the user inputs defining the category associated with items of interest.

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